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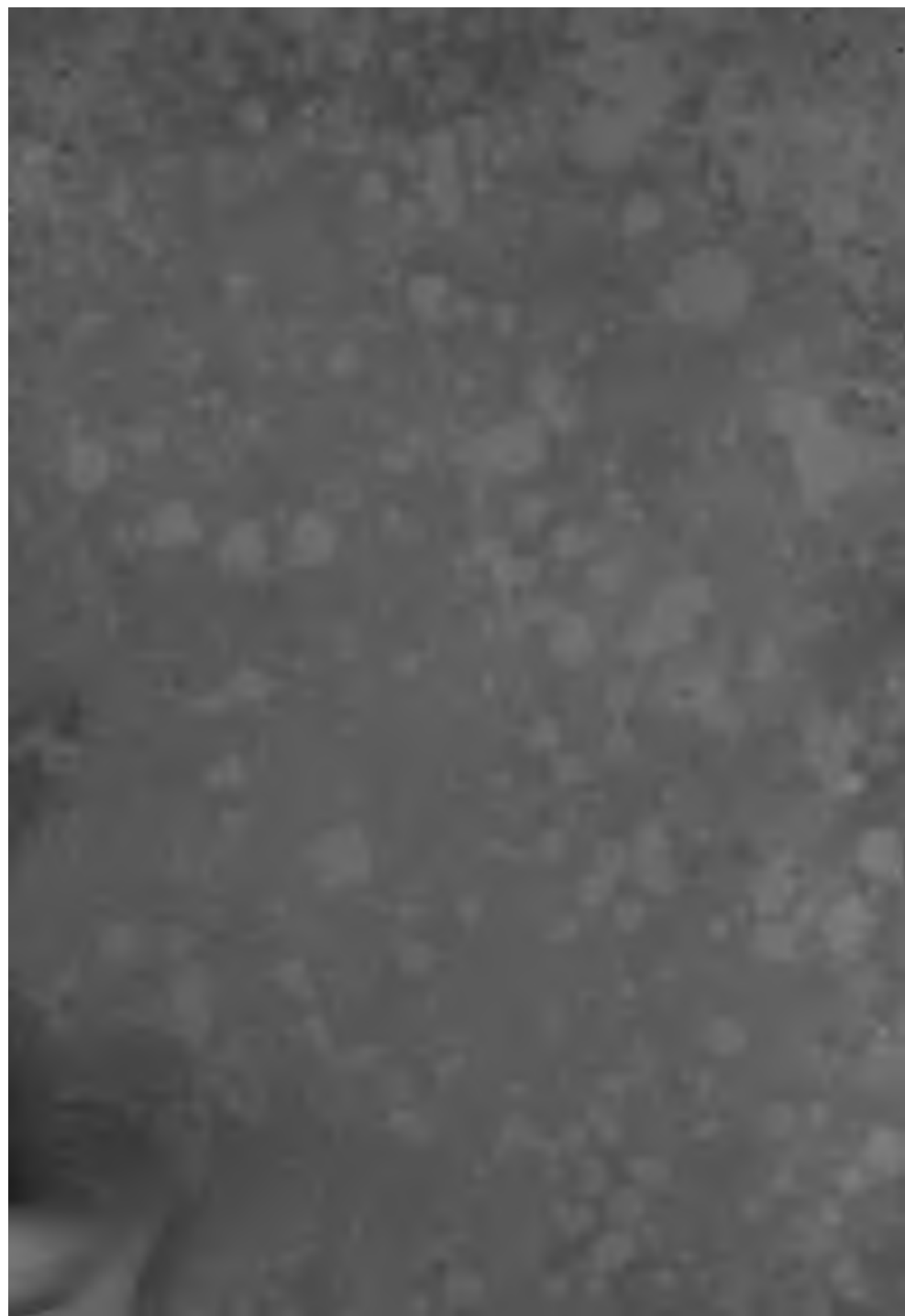
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John Simpson, alias *Holliday*, who is the subject of this Discourse, was born at Donmew in Essex, in the year 1660, of honest and good reputed Parents, who were modestly endowed with the goods of Fortune, nor is it any wonder that Persons so qualified should have the misfortune of such a child, since of late years, we have too often experienced this sad truth; a good Father may have a bad Son, Virtue and Vice very rarely running in the channels of Nature; for this Youth was Educated with all the care and caution that good Parents, in their Capacity could bestow on him, and indeed not without hopes of a good Improvement, for the spring of his Youth promised a better Harvest, than the Summer of his Life produced, for to give him his due, he was very forward and hopeful, even till he arrived at the Age of 14 or 15 years, at which time his Father dying, and his Mother (as many others are) was too fond and indulgent; insomuch that in a little time he soon became headstrong and unculp, giving himself up to all manner of Ludeness and debauchery, even while at home with his Mother; insomuch that before he was 18 years of age he committed a notorious crime on a gentleman's child of about 11 years of age, who frequented his mother's House; he by the instigation of the Devil, inticed the child into an old barn, where he committed

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the dreadful act: it soon getting understood done it, he was forced to abscond to *Lond* supported by his Mother from time to time extravagancy was such that what with lewd like company, he soon drained his Mother insomuch that he was forced to live on the Citizen's wives; particularly a Shopkeeper Chappel; and so I now proceed to his more undertakings.

Strolling along the road, he met a country Hedge Tavern, who was sporting his cash: the assistance of that useful commodity, plough robbery: he laid the Countryman a wager frock was big enough to hold them both; this took by the Ploughman, and Simpson caught himself into the Countryman's smock frock; he contrived to pick the pocket of his companion




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he set up in good earnest the Trade of Pilfering and Thieving, and in a little time became extraordinary expert in those Arts and Sciences, and improb'd his Talent in that cursed nicety, that he soon arriv'd to that infamous degree of being called Captain of the Thieves; and the only step to that title was by robbing the Kings Tent, which was carried on and performed by his invention, for one night several of his acquaintance being on the Centinal, he bribed them, so he and three others were admitted into the Royal Treasury, from whence they conveyed above a Thousand Pound, and went off with it without the least opposition, but notwithstanding this great booty, in less than a year's time, he was again reduced to want, so that he robbed Captain Churchill of abundance of clothes, besides money, plate, and other things of great value, and his ingenuity was such in most of his performances, that he was not so much as suspected for a considerable time, till at last he in company with Parret, and Wiltshire, with another who is now in London, had the impudence to Robb the Church of St. Michael in Ghent, and was Try'd for it, but for want of sufficient Witness was acquitted, which so far emboldened him in his Villanies, that after having in a Quarrel about a Miss, killed a Gentleman, and being condemned for it, he broke Prison and fled to St. Peters Church, where with his Fellow Bops, he produced his Pardon, in four Days time, and soon after Robbed the said Church of above Twelve hundred Pounds worth of

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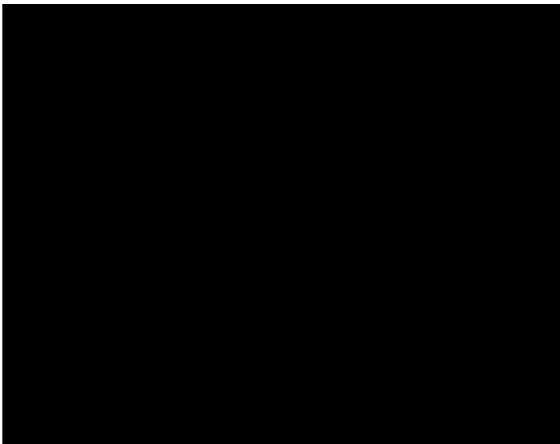
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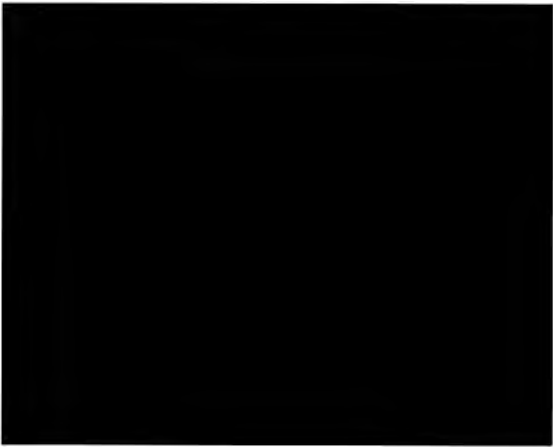
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